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For : NETWORK SCANNER AND MULTIFUNCTION MACHINE  
INCORPORATED WITH A NETWORK SCANNER

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on October 5, 2005 and May 3, 2004, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection dated March 18, 2008 with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-302756, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) JP 2002-271553 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof; and
- (2) JP 2002-368935 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof, and which is a patent family member of US 2002/0184249.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection.


Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts and translations, are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from an foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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